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Applicant(s): <b>SETH P. BECKER ET AL.</b>			
Serial No. 10/020,728	Filing Date October 29, 2001	Examiner Kalinowski	Group Art Unit 3626

Invention: **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING REGISTRATION AND LOSS PROTECTION SERVICES TO CONSUMER JEWELRY OWNERS**

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action mailed October 20, 2003, Applicants request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

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## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Amend the Abstract as shown below.

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The present invention relates to a method for providing registration services and loss protection services related to marked jewelry items ~~for new jewelry consumer purchases or existing consumer owned items.~~ The jewelry item may be marked with a unique identifier. Upon transferring ownership of a uniquely inscribed, marked, encoded, or otherwise identifiable gemstone or jewelry item, ~~the~~ the facilitator of the registration and loss protection services (e.g., a dealer or retailer) includes ~~(without limiting it to)~~ both a database registration service and/or a loss protection service prior to transferring the jewelry item to the consumer. This may occur before, or shortly after a transfer of ownership transaction takes place. Ultimately, ~~this~~ this leads to the end consumer receiving at point of sale registration services and/or loss protection services included ~~in~~ with their diamond, gemstone and/or jewelry purchase, which creates many added value benefits and peace of mind such as providing replacements jewelry item. Detailed information pertaining to the jewelry owner, the identification information and characteristics and value of the jewelry item, along with other relevant information may be registered into a database, ~~for tracking, identification, protection and recovery purposes.~~ Data can be entered prior to sale to a consumer for greater tracking throughout a distribution chain. The method also comprises updating the database upon the occurrence of an event relating to the marked jewelry item, ~~including a transfer of ownership, loss, destruction, theft, damage, recovery, settlements, as are current and updated evaluations.~~